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staff. The Council of the Corporation is not in favour of recruiting candidates through the Employment Exchange and has resolved that the existing practice be continued.

Sri M. ETHIRAJULU: நகரசபைகளும் ஜில்லா போர்டு களும் எம்ப்ளாய்மெண்ட் எக்ஸ்சேஞ்ஜ் மூலம் வேலை கொடுத்து வருகின்றன. கார்ப்பொரேஷன் மட்டும் ஏன் தன் இஷ்டப்படி வேலை கொடுக்கிறது? இனியாவது கார்ப்பொரேஷனை எம்ப்ளாய்மெண்ட் எக்ஸ்சேஞ்ஜ் மூலம் வேலை கொடுக்க வேண்டும் என்று இந்தச் சர்க்கார் நிர்ப்பந்திப் பார்களா அல்லது அந்த முறையில் சட்டமியற்றுவார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : அந்த மாதிரி நிர்ப்பந்தம் செய்ய சர்க்காருக்கு அதிகாரம் கிடையாது.

Nursing Homes

* 104 *Q.*—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN (on behalf of Sri S. K. Sambandhan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the rules and regulations governing the running of nursing homes and private dispensaries by Medical Officers in Government and Local Fund Services?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No Medical Officer of the Madras Medical Service can maintain or have financial interest in a private nursing home, hospital or a dispensary. The Government have advised the local bodies also to debar the medical officers employed in medical institutions under their control from running private dispenasries or nursing homes of their own.

Assistant Surgeons

* 105 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of vacancies advertised for the post of Assistant Surgeons in the Madras Medical Service in 1958–59 and 1959–60;

(*b*) the number of applications received;

(*c*) the number of qualified applicants; and

(*d*) the number recruited?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU :—

	1958–59.	1959-60.
(*a*)	200	240
(b)	138	104
(*c*)	126	101
(*d*)	116	76

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. Minister kindly tell us why there is such a big gap between the number of vacancies advertised and the number of applications received as in

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1958–59, for instance, the number of vacancies advertised was 200 and the number of applications actually received was only 140? Is it due to dearth of candidates or to the unattractive conditions of service?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : To some extent, there is dearth; but to a larger extent, the gap is due to the unattractive nature of service in the matter of emoluments and also to the fear of the likelihood of their being posted to mufassal stations and villages.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is it not a fact that for honorary posts of assistant physicians and assistant surgeons, there is always a rush? We get a number of applications.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That is a fact because the honoraries are generally appointed either in the metropolis or in headquarters hospitals. So, there, urban life is available.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the advertisement inviting applications, it is stipulated that doctors who have got a fairly good knowledge of Tamil alone will be appointed? If so, may I know whether it does not go contrary to the assurances given by the Government that lack of knowledge of Tamil will not be a bar to recruitment? It is stated that only after providing for those with a knowledge of Tamil, others will be considered.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Am I to understand that Tamil is insisted upon? I am not aware of it.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I draw the Hon. Minister's attention to an advertisement issued three days ago wherein it was stated that candidates with a knowledge of Tamil would be preferred and that others would be considered only if there were vacancies after providing for the former? The Hon. Minister can check it.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I will check it. Probably it was due to this fact. Formerly in the composite State, knowledge of other languages was essential but now, it being a completely Tamil State, Tamil-knowing people may probably do their job better.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARDAN : With the increase in the number of beds in hospitals and a fall in the number of doctors, do not the Government know that the attention paid to patients is very poor and very inadequate?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not like to use the word ' very '. To some extent, so much attention as is expected may not be forthcoming. But still we must face facts. We are trying our best to fill the gap and the recent rise in the scales of pay will go a long way in attracting doctors.